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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 02-MAY-2005

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	55-76	66-69	67.91	28

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

74.00

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

73.92

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Apr-05

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	164,965	166,939

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	181.00	1,255
BREASTS - B/S	147.50	5,736
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50	1,332
THIGH MEAT - B/S	102.00	1,028
LEG QUARTERS	36.50	6,989
WINGS	85.50	2,983

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final majority price. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Trade interest was light on adequate offerings. Fill in trading noted on 3 up wogs at 39 cents delivered into the St. Louis area. Retail demand was light to fairly good with features receiving best call. Food service movement varied from light to good with best interest centering around fast food promotions. Anticipation of better trade interest increases as the first of the month approaches and with it Mother's Day. Floor stocks were adequate; weights desirable to instances heavy. Supplies of leg items were barely adequate to tight, adequate on wings, and available on boneless skinless and bone-in breasts with continued discounting. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat items, barely steady on wings, and weak on breast cuts.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **WEEK ENDING APRIL 29, 2005**

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO		CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	67.00**	66.00	65.20**	EASTERN REGION	65.20**	65.00	66.50**
CENTRAL REGION	67.33	66.50	64.60**	CENTRAL REGION	67.00	66.49	65.00
WESTERN REGION	67.00	66.20**	65.50**	WESTERN REGION	66.00	64.00	66.00**

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 23-Apr-2005 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS THOUSANDS

Head	161,112
Avg Wt	5.33
Last week	158,035
Same wk yr ago	156,011
Avg Wt	5.20
To-date/2005	2,508,776
To-date/2004	2,453,097

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS
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Head	1,646	2,639
Avg Wt	16.19	37.89
Last week	1,564	2,555
Same wk yr ago	1,743	2,527
Avg Wt	16.13	37.32
To-date/2005	24,807	40,294
To-date/2004	27,053	39,494

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	125.00 - 126.00	125.40
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	169.00	169.00
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	107.00 - 109.00	108.38
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	160.00	160.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	597.00 643.00	607.39
168 3 Round, top inside round	189.83 203.00	193.46
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	702.15 726.17	723.31
Ground Beef 81%	142.03 160.15	151.27

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